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Perkie  **Plants**

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Everyone who loves flowers and birds has the opportunity of selecting Perkie Plants for winter berries and year-'round beauty. Below is listed a choice selection of winter berry-bearing shrubs, attractive not only for their beauty in the landscape, but also as a valuable source of food for birds. Thirty-five to ninety-three species of birds eat the fruit of the following:

Winter Berry-Bearing Shrubs Attractive to Birds

All the following Perkie Plants are priced as follows except where noted: 1/2 dozen \$3.75, ppd.; 1 dozen \$6.45, ppd.

CT1—COTONEASTER divaricata. Graceful spreading shrub with red berries; leaves turn to scarlet in fall; sunny border or slopes.

CT2—COTONEASTER franchetti. An attractive semi-evergreen shrub, with orange-red berries in the fall. Excellent in the shrub border or in groups.

CT3—COTONEASTER horizontalis. Rock Cotoneaster; low spreading shrub with bright red berries in fall; dry sunny banks, slopes, foundations.

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**Perkie Azalea Kämpferi is Excellent for Woodland Border
and Garden Planting**

IL1—ILEX aquifolium. English Holly in unnamed varieties, but all selected for exceptional berry-bearing quality and hardiness. Specimens, groups, or borders. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen \$7.35; 1 dozen \$13.65, postpaid.

IL2—ILEX aquifolium, named varieties. We have a moderate number of some very fine named varieties of English Hollies. We will make the best selection for you while they last. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen \$9.25; 1 dozen \$16.75, postpaid.

IL3—ILEX aquifolium, male. You will need some of these to pollinate the female blooms for berries. The male does not bear berries. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen \$7.35; 1 dozen \$13.65, postpaid.

IL4—ILEX cornuta burfordi. Burford's Chinese Holly; shiny dark green leaves; berry-bearing; hardy here; some very fine plants are growing on the grounds of the Boyce Thompson Institute at Yonkers, N. Y., and have been there for a number of years. The variety is very desirable if you can winter it. Specimens, groups or border. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen \$5.50; 1 dozen \$10.00, postpaid.

IL5—ILEX crenata convexa (bullata). A Japanese Holly with dark, shiny green leaves. Black berries; fine low plant for foundation, rock garden, border or hedge.

194—ILEX opaca mascula. Male American Holly; no berries, but you will need some of these to pollinate femina blooms for berries. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen \$5.45; 1 dozen \$9.95, postpaid.

195—ILEX opaca femina. American Holly of berry-bearing form. It is our effort to grow only the hardiest forms especially selected for berry-bearing quality. Specimens, groups or border. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen \$5.45; 1 dozen \$9.95, postpaid.

195N—ILEX opaca femina, named varieties. We will make the best selection while they last. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen \$7.35; 1 dozen \$13.65, postpaid.

IL6—ILEX pernyi. A very dwarf, compact Chinese form with plenty of spines. Grows slowly and about the same height as spread. Red berries. Rock garden, foundation, or sunny border. $\frac{1}{2}$ dozen \$5.45; 1 dozen \$9.95, postpaid.

MY1—MYRICA pensylvanica. Northern Bayberry or Candleberry; fairly large shrub; gray berries and bark are highly fragrant. Groups or border. One of the best for birds.

P96—PYRACANTHA coccinea lalandi. Laland's Firethorn; thorny, with orange berries much enjoyed by mockingbirds. Keep it planted in pots until large enough to move, otherwise it is difficult to transplant. Specimens, groups, hedge, or sunny border. Very effective when espaliered.

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TA1—TAXUS media hicksi. Hicks Columnar Yew; hardy and good; heavy berry-bearing strain. Foundation, sunny border, groups, hedge; late winter food.

V11—VIBURNUM opulus americanum. American Hibush Cranberry; red berries. All of the Viburnums are excellent in groups, border, or background.

V12—VIBURNUM opulus nanum. Dwarf Viburnum; attractive foliage, and growth. Brilliant, glossy red berries.

V13—VIBURNUM prunifolium. Blackhaw; white blooms in May and June with black fruits following.

V14—VIBURNUM setigerum. Planted for its abundance of red berries.

V15—VIBURNUM sieboldi. Blooms May and June. White flowers followed by pink fruits changing to black.

Perkie Favorites! For Garden Borders; Foundation Plantings; Naturalizing Woodlands; Trails, Lake, and Farm Pond Plantings.

Imagine , starting off with an investment of a dozen or more two-year-old Perkie Plants costing only fifty cents each and having them increase in value to \$5 and \$10 each, or more, in a few short years. Only nature can increase value and beauty so bountifully. Besides, the joy and satisfaction of watching Perkie Plants grow with each passing season is perhaps the best reward. Children and Perkie Plants can grow up together!

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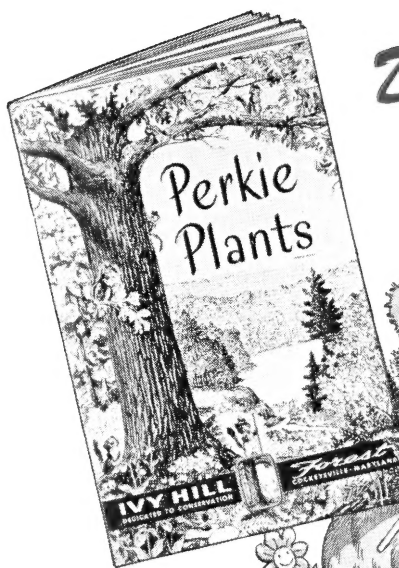
A2—KAEMPFERI AZALEAS. (*Carmen*) A distinct group of azaleas. Widely distributed in the mountains of Japan, where they grow in thickets, grassy areas, and on the edges of woodlands. One of the most beautiful is *CARMEN*.

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Perkie Plants, depending on variety, range in size from 2 to 8 in.; are sturdy, well-rooted, and grow vigorously with no transplanting shock.

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A11—AZALEA MOLLIS (Hybrid). Hybridized by crossing Chinese Mollis azaleas with other species and native types. Exquisite shades of yellow, orange, lemon, salmon and terra-cotta. Do well in full sun. Unlike other azaleas, they do not need acid soil, but do not use lime. Excellent in the shrub border.

A17—AZALEA CORSAGE. So named because of its exquisite, fragrant, 2½-inch, orchid-like lavender blooms. Sturdy in growth. Perfect for sunny foundations or borders. This beautiful azalea, a recent introduction, should be in every garden.

E80—ENKIANTHUS CAMPANULATUS. (Don't let the name frighten you!) Here is graceful color for your garden. Cream-colored blossoms etched with contrasting red, appear in hanging racemes. Crimson foliage and branches in autumn. Shrub border and groups.

R54—RHODODENDRON (Hybrid). The brilliant bloom of the Himalayan rhododendron and the strength of American stock are here blended. Has the beauty of Asiatic types, plus the hardiness of American rhododendrons. Less particular as to shade and soil conditions.

P75—PIERIS JAPONICA (Japanese Andromeda). Profuse bloom and handsome foliage make this one of the most dependable broad-leaved evergreens. Cascades of bell-shaped white flowers in narrow clusters along its upright branches in late March, April or May. Glossy foliage changes to bronze in winter.

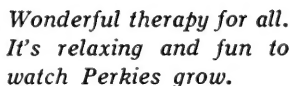
L79—LEUCOTHOE CATESBAEI. Perfect for blending azaleas and rhododendrons. This arching evergreen is lovely all year. Early, fragrant white bell flowers tip its slender branches. Winter foliage glossy reddish hue. Hardy, easy to grow. Strikingly beautiful in the snow.

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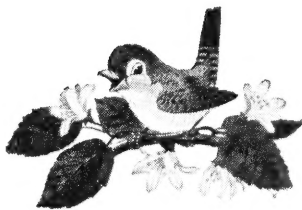
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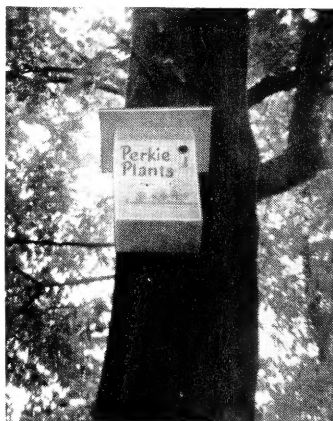
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Parents and teachers have in Perkie Plants the perfect horticultural medium for teaching children love of nature.



Perk-ups from Pleased People!



Perkie Bird House on Long Island

MRS. B. TAPPEN FAIRCHILD, Ships Timbers, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, wrote: "Azaleas and holly arrived in excellent condition. . . . The stout Perkie Plant containers with the round air holes gave us an idea. . . . We made them into wren houses! We put wire over the tops, raised the floor of the interior a bit and put a perch below the hole. . . . Wrens used them all summer.

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"My order of last spring was so satisfactory that I should like to place the following order to establish a miniature nursery for gradual planting through my woods." —MR. J. C. VON G., Sharon, Conn.

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"As an old and experienced gardener, I would like to thank you for the 'New Look' in plant-packaging which brought my Perkie Plants to me completely uncrushed, fresh, green and obviously ready to continue to thrive. I have had excellent plants from many places but the Perkie method makes the planting as fool-proof as the newest and most timid gardener could wish!" —MRS. E. H. MCK., Ruxton, Md.

"I have read your handbook with great interest. . . . I hope to visit Ivy Hill Forest some time in the future and will take the liberty of calling on you. In the meantime, I want to get started on my place by planting Perkie rhododendrons and azaleas. Enclosed is my order." —MR. J. L. B., Sharon, Conn. (Mr. B. ordered twice.)

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"The Perkie Plants arrived in good order. Jim planted them right away and they are doing fine. The children seem so interested in them because we told them they were young plants like the children and they could grow together." —MRS. J. R. P., University Park, Pa.

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"Dear Perkie Pattie: That's what we call you here. The family is delighted with the Perkie Plants and you should see how beautifully they are growing." —MRS. M. N., Mountain Lake, N. J.

(Mrs. N. ordered Perkies for Mother's Day.)

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"My Perkies arrived in excellent condition. Your offerings are attractive for young people just starting their homes." —MRS. E. B., Newburyport, Mass.

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"To say I am most pleased and surprised by your shipment of Perkie Plants would be an understatement." —L. J. G., Washington, D. C.

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"Have received some of your plants as a gift. They are doing so well; should like your catalog." —G. J. M., Norristown, Pa.

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"Azalea plants shipped to me arrived in perfect condition. I never saw more beautiful packing. Not a leaf bruised. Do send me one of your catalogs." —J. T. G., Brentwood, Tenn.

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